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Dear Floral Families,

On Thursday, the Floral staff was treated to delicious breakfast treats and coffee (from Blue Coast Coffee), courtesy of the PTO and the many families who contributed to the breakfast. The teachers and staff are so appreciative of these gestures of kindness and support. It's one of many reminders that we are part of a caring school community that places a high value on its people – both young and old. Thank you all for your generosity!

Report Cards will be coming home in your child's backpack tomorrow. We appreciate the time you will take this week to sit down with your child to review the report, paying special attention to the areas of work habits and social skills, as we all recognize the important role that effort, attitude, and collaboration plays with academic growth and achievement. Be sure to start the conversation focusing on areas of academics, work habits, and social skills where your child has invested strong effort this trimester. Celebrate those areas and talk about what strategies your child used that resulted in success. Then you can shift the conversation to goal-setting for the next trimester: What areas do you and your child aim to see continued growth and progress? Set some specific goals together and think about some key strategies your child can use to reach those goals. Here's just one example:

Goal: I will organize my materials effectively at school (note: This is one of the work habits included on the report card).

Strategy #1: Every morning, I will organize the papers and tools in my desk and book box.

Strategy #2: At the end of the day, I will read over my homework and pack materials that I will need to complete my homework.

Please also note the number of days that your child was absent or tardy from school during this first trimester. While illnesses that lead to absence are often outside of anyone's control, we do want to remind families that missing school for vacation purposes or recreation is strongly discouraged, as it disrupts learning and can send a conflicting message to students about their responsibility to come to school every day to maximize their learning. As always, parents are encouraged to reach out to the teacher or one of us with any questions or needs for support to improve school attendance and/or arrival to school on time.

A half-sheet of paper will be attached to your child's report card. Please sign the paper to acknowledge your receipt of the report card, and return that signed paper to school in your child's backpack on Tuesday. The report card will stay at home with you.

We wish all Floral families a joyful holiday with family and friends!

~Lisa and Tiffany

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Important Notes:

Shrewsbury SEPAC Meeting – All are Welcome!

Please join Shrewsbury SEPAC on **Monday, 12/19 @ 7:00 pm** in the Floral Street School Media Center. At our final meeting of the calendar year we will review the work we've done in 2016 and plan for 2017. All are welcome.

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is a volunteer organization made up of parents and caregivers whose children receive special education services through Shrewsbury

Public Schools. We were created under Massachusetts law and serve as a voice for parents by advising the Shrewsbury school administration and School Committee on matters related to the education of students with disabilities. The SEPAC provides a forum for parents and caregivers to share experiences and exchange information. Together, we work for understanding, respect, support and the appropriate education of all children with special needs in our community.

News from Girl Scout Troop 11087

Girl Scout Troop 11087 is collecting gently used backpacks to be used as Foster Care Bags. Other items that are needed are: small comfort items, hairbrushes, soap, and new PJ's (size 10 and up). The target group for these items is girls in the lower middle school grades. If you are interested in donating to this worthy cause, items can be brought to the Town Hall and placed in the Drop-off Box there.

If you have any questions or would like more information please e-mail:
troop11087@gmail.com

Notes from Previous Flyers:

From the PTO – Ski Lessons at Ski Ward to Benefit the Floral PTO

The temperatures are dropping which can only mean it's almost time for SNOW!!!

Ski Ward now has ski/snowboard lesson online registration up and running! All you need to do is select Floral Street as an affiliation and the PTO will receive 5% of lesson money back at the end of the winter season. All registration must be done online. Please visit
www.skiward.com

and sign up today. THINK SNOW!

From the PTO: Count on Computers Enrichment Program

RASA Creations has once again partnered with the Floral PTO to offer Computer Workshop for kids grade 1 to 3 with a portion of the fees will go to the Floral PTO. The workshop will give an overview of Computers and basic theory and practical of Computer Programming.

Dates - December 26th and 27th

Time - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Venue - Shrewsbury (TBD)

To view more details, click on the attached flyer or email at sarita.deshpande@rasacreations.com.

Important Upcoming Dates:

**New dates added this week appear in bold print*

December 19	Trimester 1 Report Cards Sent Home
December 26-January 2	December Break / No School
January 3	Students Return to School
January 16	NO SCHOOL / Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 18	School Council Meeting / 5:15 in FSS Media Center
January 24	Grade 4 Chorus Concerts / 6:30- Edgren, Ralys, and Ross Classes
January 24	Grade 4 Chorus Concerts / 7:30- Powell and Goulding Classes
January 25	Grade 4 Chorus Concert / 6:30 – Murphy, Manning, and Spangenberg Classes

Most Frequently Used Numbers:

Office	(508) 841-8720
Nurses, Phone	(508) 841-8729
Nurses, FAX	(508) 841-1545
Extended Day	(508) 841-8743

The full district **School Calendar** is available at:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/district/documents/final16-17calendar.pdf>

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/foodsvc/elementarylunchmenu.cfm>

[Count on Computers.pdf](#)

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